

THE WHITE SCHOOL.

It Looked Like the Negro School, but This Was a Mistake.

During one of my drives of exploration I passed a school in Spencer county, about thirty-five miles east of Louisville. At first sight I was sure I had stumbled upon a typical negro school, but as I went about the yard with my camera a farmer who lived near by came over to see what I was doing.

"How long has this colored school been here?" I asked.

"This is the white school, an' I don't know how long it's been built. All I know is that it wasn't noways new."



THE ANCIENT WRECK WITH ITS SAGGING FLOOR.

When I moved into this neighborhood thirty years ago comin' May.

"When was it painted last?"

"Painted?" He laughed good naturedly as he took a fresh chew of his twist. "Painted? Why it ain't never had no paint on it that I ever see or heard of."

I looked at the ancient wreck, with its sagging floor, its scattered rock about the door where there should have been a walk; then my glance fell upon a new, sturdy long distance telephone pole which stood close to one corner of the building. I walked up and, placing my hand against it, waited and fell to thinking. Suddenly the busy humming of the wires seemed to be whispering insistently to the broken house: "Wake up! Wake up! We are not asleep today! We are in the hurrying and scurrying twentieth century! Wake up and join the procession!"

On the far side of the school I stumbled upon some old fashioned hand-made desks and at once asked my farmer friends where they had come from.

"Why, they come out of the school there, of course. The children used 'em until this year, when they put in some new ones."

My next search was for the closets. I knew there was no coal house on the premises, for the old desks were piled



"THIS HERE IS A PAUPER SCHOOL."

upon the top of the winter's supply of coal. I was unable to find even the remains of any closet, so I again questioned my farmer friend.

"They ain't never had none since I been in the neighborhood!"

"Haven't had any closets at all?" I exclaimed in amazement. "How can your teachers handle a school without closets?"

The man hesitated a moment, shifted his gird to the other side of his jaw and answered quietly:

"Gawd knows, I don't."

"How do you happen to have such a poor schoolhouse in this part of the county—the land looks pretty good?"

"You see, this here is a pauper school."

I pretended not to understand him fully, so I asked:

"My, that's too bad. I had no idea that the farmers up here on the headwaters of Salt river were so poor. You haven't even got a church in the neighborhood, then?"

"Oh, yes! We've got a mighty nice, brand new church a mile out the pike from here."

"State built that, too?" I suggested.

"Why, no; the folks all chipped in and built it," he explained carefully.

"We ain't poor folks at all."

"Why couldn't you folks chip in and do something for this old tumbledown school?" I asked.

"We could have done it, couldn't we?" he exclaimed. "I reckon we just never thought about it that way."

Education Pays.

The state of Kansas, though less than sixty years old, has excellent schools, and her taxable property has increased at the rate of \$120,000,000 annually during the past ten years, a total increase of \$120,000,000 in a decade. This is twice the total assessment of Kentucky.

The valuation of real property in Kentucky is \$487,835,250. In Kansas the same class of property is valued at \$1,578,048,700.

The valuation of personal property in Kentucky was \$143,313,000, while in Kansas it was \$880,643,000.

The total assessed valuation in Kentucky was \$631,148,250 and in Kansas \$2,458,691,700.

The above figures are from the

BIG WARRANTS ARE DRAWN

One To Almost Wipe Out The Remaining Railroad Bond Debt.

AN ORDINANCE WAS PASSED.

Authorizing The School Board To Borrowing \$20,000 To Complete High School.

The City Council met in regular session Friday night with all present.

Chairman W. A. Long, of the Board of Trustees of the Hopkinsville Public Schools, appeared before the Council and asked that an ordinance presented by him be passed authorizing the school board to contract a debt by mortgage or otherwise to the extent of \$20,000 to complete the new High School building.

The ordinance contain a section exempting the notes from taxation, the banks having agreed to lend the money at 5 per cent provided they were exempted from city taxes, which are 1 1/2 per cent for all purposes.

Mayor Meacham asked that this section be stricken out, saying that, in his opinion, it rendered the ordinance invalid, since the council had no authority to exempt from taxation any property except manufacturing enterprises nor had it the power to give to the schools more than 50 cents on the \$100, whereas to give them all taxes on bank loans was to give \$1.50 on the \$100, depriving other funds of their proportion of the revenues on that much property.

He suggested that appropriations for the schools could be made from license funds, but not from tax funds raised by a levy for other purposes. The ordinance was however passed by unanimous votes.

A warrant was ordered drawn for \$25,000 to take up Railroad bonds to be called in this month. Also a warrant for \$10,000 to pay the temporary loan made to the general fund last summer.

Treasurer McPherson presented

standing railroad bonds last month, which were burned. The Mayor was authorized to draw a warrant on Nov. 15 for \$2415 to pay the semi-annual water bill. Action on the 10th street sewer was again postponed and the Mayor and one member of the Council to be appointed by him were instructed to ascertain as soon as possible if the I. C. Railroad would pay its proportion of the cost of the sewer.

With one or two exceptions reports were submitted from all of the departments and filed.

The budget of accounts for October was paid, amounting to \$423.90. Other claims paid were Hopkinsville Stone Co. \$616.63 and light bill \$572.32. A warrant was ordered for \$100 in favor of Palmer Graves to pay for a strip of land purchased in connection with the River improvements.

Seven a. c. lights ordered some time ago were directed placed as follows: Fifth and Virginia, 7th and Virginia, 12th and Virginia, 8th and Main, 9th and Campbell, Central avenue, 19th street and 10th and Main. Half lights were ordered put in at 14th and Walnut, 7th and O'Neill, 2nd and McPherson, North Main and Means Ave., 4th and Clay, 12th and Water, Bryan street, East 9th street opposite Catholic church, 2nd and Elm, 4 on 18th, and 14th and Liberty streets.

Didn't Play.

The game of football between Hopkinsville and Madisonville teams was called off Saturday on account of wet grounds. But little rain fell here. Madisonville wants Hopkinsville to play there Thanksgiving Day, but the local team has arranged for a game at home that date, refusing to go to Paducah. It has been two years since, there was a Thanksgiving game here.

Medicine Horse Sent to Peoria.

Medicine Horse, the Sioux Indian left here in the lockup, was shipped to Peoria, Ill., Saturday by Chief Roper. He had some money and \$5.00 of his own money was used and the city supplied \$2.74 more to buy his ticket. A note was attached to him asking conductors to see that he reached Peoria, as he speaks but little English. He was willing and anxious to go, saying repeatedly "Show," "Peory," "box," which words were about the extent of his

Finn and His Fiddle.

Lawrence B. Finn, Railroad Commissioner, did not speak at the court house yesterday in the interest of the Democratic ticket, Mr Finn is a candidate for re election to the office he now holds. He is an entertaining speaker and a musician of more than ordinary accomplishments, being a famous fiddler. He failed to come on account of illness.

Local Men Among Incorporators

The Bowles Photograph & Engraving Lamp Co. have filed articles of incorporation at Evansville. W. A. Bowles and Luther Haydon, of this city, are among the incorporators. The capital stock is \$50,000.

Mrs. Ritchie Burnett has gone to Houston, Texas, to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Julian Adoul. Misses Lizzie and Louise Moore have taken her cottage on West 17th street during her absence.

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Heavy Rain Fall.

The rain fall Sunday night amounted to two and one fifth inches. This was the heaviest fall for several months and was general throughout this section.

U. D. C. Convention.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 6.—Six hundred delegates from 32 states are expected to attend the eighteenth annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which begins a four day meeting here Wednesday.

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